(b) UNICEF in India in partnership with other UN Agencies and NGOs, is implementing psycho-social interventions for children who have undergone trauma through teachers and community volunteers. These teachers and community volunteers have been trained in skills to conduct simple and interactive activities which will help children in school as well as out of school to deal with the trauma. The volunteers will also identify children who seem to be at risk of developing long term psychological problems. The identified children will be referred to mental health professionals in the districts.

(c) The Government has supported the interventions being made.by UNICEF to help Tsunami victims.

Compensation for Tsunami affected students

†2058. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take special steps to compensate the interruption caused in the studies of the children in Tsunami affected areas;

(b) whether he is having information about the damage to the schools;

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(d) whether any assessment has been made about the number of students affected by Tsunami?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Information on the damage to schools/colleges of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Pondicherry etc. and assessment of damage to these schools have been furnished to the Ministry of Home Affairs for appropriate action.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Suicide due to ragging

2059. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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